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THE AMERICAN'S CREED.
I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

GET BUSY OR QUIT.
In his sermon at the Union Evangelistic meeting last night Rev. John C. Broomfield made the statement that on the Monday night following his specific denunciation from his own pulpit of a Madison street gambling joint a man went directly to his home from that gambling place to tell him that it was running wide open with at least twenty men participating.
Evidently the gambling fraternity is so sure of its position that it is willing to defy public opinion as well as the law. There can be but one meaning to a situation such as this, and that is that Mayor Bowen has ceased to be mayor in any way or name.
In justice to the community at large he should make public confession of his capitulation in favor of the baser element so that law abiding citizens may have a free hand to take such steps as the situation may demand.
If Mayor Bowen and the present chief of police are unwilling or unable to close up the gamblers and the bootleggers a way must be found to do that without their assistance. If Mayor Bowen values the good opinion which he has heretofore enjoyed he will either enforce the law or clear the way for others to do so. The time for temporizing in this matter has passed.

CONDITIONS SATISFACTORY.
We commend to the careful consideration of those timid souls who are afraid something might go wrong with the business situation during this year the following analysis of the situation which was included in Dun & Co.'s review of trade for last week:

With the country passing through the readjustment stages, after an era of artificial stimulus, it is not illogical to look for signs of hesitation and caution. That such evidences are plainly discernable, is not a symptom of weakness, nor an indication of dwindling confidence, but is merely a demonstration that natural forces are again coming into operation. If business has halted perceptibly, following a period of unexpected expansion, the check is only one that might have been expected under the new conditions now present and, in its broadest aspects, is not an unwholesome tendency.

There isn't the slightest reason for assuming that business will be otherwise than prosperous in this country as soon as it can get itself readjusted. The thing, therefore,

RUFF STUFF
Whenever things get too hot for the city hall slackers they pinch the Madden boys.
Evidently they have no stand in with Mr. Charlie.
But this time that sort of bluff won't do.
Public will begin to believe they mean to clean up when they pinch the Madden boys in the joint closer to police headquarters which is also run by an Irishman.
So they have put bells on the likker room.
Now if you see any of that court house crowd getting chummy with an electrician you'll know what's up.
It would have been much cheaper just to have had a pouring.
Nice little party could be made out of a pouring.
Doc Broomfield probably could be secured as the orator of the day.
And as a sort of poetic justice, the guys who have been getting away their home in Belington.

is for all to turn to and help the readjustment along by being optimistic and sane about it.

EDUCATE THEM.
SATURDAY the Associated Press sent out from Charleston dispatch regarding the prospects of legislation to strengthen the State Department of Mines which this newspaper sincerely hopes will receive the attention throughout the state that it deserves. The gist of the dispatch is that the movement to have the department which has supervision over mining in West Virginia strengthened is quite likely to meet with opposition because there are men throughout the state and in the legislature who believe that the expense of this department should be borne by the mining industry.
This view is so absurd that it would be unworthy of attention if it were not for the fact that the need for a better mining department and a more uniform enforcement of the laws governing mining is most urgent. Even if it were desirable to tax mine operators with the cost of this department it probably could not be done for the reason that it is discriminatory and therefore unconstitutional. To prove that to the satisfaction of people with the kind of minds that are capable of making such a suggestion would require considerable time, and meanwhile the affairs of the department would be in a very unsatisfactory state.
The only thing to do, therefore, is to undertake a campaign of education of those people who still feel that the coal mining industry is an outlander which ought to be penalized and embarrassed as much as possible. Governor Cornwell make a good start in that direction in his biennial message and the state and regional associations of coal operators ought to carry the work on to the point where the legislature will have a better understanding of the relations of the people of West Virginia to coal mining.
If necessary an official representative of the West Virginia Coal association could be established at Charleston for the avowed purpose of seeing to it that the senators and delegates do not forget what a perdominant important thing coal is in West Virginia. There would be no more danger of trying to make the mining industry carry the Department of Mines itself after the situation is thoroughly understood than there would be of making a success of a bill to segregate in a special fund all taxes paid by people connected with the mining industry and to use the money for the benefit of those people alone.

AUSPICIOUSLY BEGUN.
It was clearly indicated last night that there is a great deal of popular interest in the union evangelistic campaign. The attendance at the meetings was very large and the audiences were in a receptive mood. Under such circumstances the degree of success which the meetings will attain depends pretty largely upon the amount of "punch" which the ministers will be able to put into the meetings.
Experience proves that the effect of such campaigns is cumulative. That the ministers are intensely in earnest is very evident. They feel their responsibility for the moral welfare of the community as perhaps they never felt it before. If they can succeed in transmitting some of their zeal and religious enthusiasm to the audience during the early stages of the campaign the result in all probability will be one of the most fruitful religious efforts in the history of Fairmont.
James Hamilton Lewis, of Chicago and a senator in congress from Illinois, is what is known in politics as a lame duck and he is a White house favorite. These are qualifications which entitle him to some consideration at the hands of the administration, but the public will view with great uneasiness the movement to make him the successor to Attorney General Gregory, whose resignation was announced last night. There never was a time when the Department of Justice needed a strong head more than it does right now, and no matter how well qualified Senator Lewis may be the public refuses to take him seriously.

Twenty-one persons were killed and three injured in a wreck on the New York Central road yesterday which probably will result in a more than usually thorough investigation, for the coach in which the casualties occurred was telescoped in a manner which the traveling public was led to believe could not happen since the general introduction of steel coaches. Have the car builders and the railroads been changing the specifications for steel coaches until they have got them below the safety limit?

Fairmont people generally will welcome the new postmaster and wish him success. He enters upon his responsibilities at a time when it will be necessary to rebuild almost from the bottom up in order to give the city good mail service, but he has the advantage of being a business man who knows something about the importance of having that service as prompt and as nearly perfect as may be, and that ought to help some.

In Cleveland a movement has been started to change the name of Yellowstone park to Roosevelt and up in New England the other day some one proposed that the Panama canal be renamed Roosevelt canal. Doubtless these movements are inspired by the worthiest of motives, but Colonel Roosevelt himself would have been among the first to recognize the absurdity of them. Roosevelt's position in world history is secure and it could not be improved by disturbing historical associations as important as those connected with the names of this park and canal.

TODAY IN STATE HISTORY
By E. E. Mendenhall.
Dr. Charles Wingenter, author of "Greater Wheeling and Vicinity," got the "number" of the English and French in advance of some other historians and in his treasured volume says:
"The greed of the Indian led him to encourage the English traders. The Indian felt suspected at first that by this encouragement he was endangering his hunting ground. The French traders, who came later, only brought into the forest what was wanted, took away furs and furs only leaving the red man in possession of the territory. The forts and posts built by the French were depots for trade alone. The Indian was to learn to his sorrow that when the English settlers should awaken to the value of the trans-Allegheny region, they would covert the country itself, and come to claim and seize it for themselves, with nothing but contempt for the red man's rights. In that evil hour to come the Indians would turn upon the English and fight them relentlessly, but in 1748, the Indians thought they had no desire beyond trade relations with him. The French, however, had no delusions in the matter. They knew well the pitiless greed of the English and were ever on the alert for the first signs of awakening covetousness on the part of the English settlers on the Atlantic coast."

Evening Chat
A GREY DAY AND ONE'S RELIGION
Another one of those long Sundays has departed into the past! Some people like Sundays and some do not. Some people sleep, some people work on Sundays and others do nothing. Sunday, after all everything considered, is the most human day in the week and a day just full of variety, contentment and charm. Many recognize that the day was born for a purpose and man a communion service is held at home with no outward demonstration. Churches are after all man made while one's spirit is the real dwelling place of the Creator. I sometimes wonder if going to church does not often destroy one's religion. There is so much that is distracting about the lectures we hear, the songs that we sing and the Sunday clothes that we wear. So many times personal worship is difficult, so carried away are we on the wings of a soaring preacher's soul!
Have you not often wished for a wide, open field, where you might go quite by yourself and truly worship not in words but in spirit? Isn't the quiet of one's own room delightful sometimes? In the same way that one develops the mind by undisturbed study, so the spirit oftentimes grows strong under the same conditions. Churches are very wonderful! They were made for a purpose and we cannot get along without them, but all who go to church are not religious nor all who stay at home.
Yesterday was one of those mild grey days—winter and yet not winter. The sun shone gloriously stealing in through close windows with touching humility and comfort. Then sun in the winter is much like the friend who loves us but is busy elsewhere. Days and days we live unloved and then suddenly there permeates our hearts and homes—that dazzling brightness which steals softly in—gently, humbly asking forgiveness making promises—which we believe.

IN THE STORES
Some very beautiful wool middie in the city are selling for \$9 and \$10 isn't that an awful price? Flannellette dream dresses are selling for as high as \$5—when the material used to be but 15 cents a yard. Brooms cost anywhere from \$1 up, and mostly up. A friend of mine has purchased two brooms each at \$1.35 and both of them have fallen to pieces in just two months. Before that a broom lasted nearly a year in her house and she said to me, "I don't know what we are coming to. I spend and spend and it gets me nowhere. I try to buy the best, paying more than I can afford on the theory that the best will last longest and be the cheapest in the end; but it all amounts to nothing." Many, many people are complaining of the worthlessness of many articles in the city at the present time. Merchants are not altogether to blame for wartime conditions make it almost impossible for anyone to get his money's worth. When we read of prices across the ocean we become somewhat reconciled. They say three pork chops cost \$1.25 over there with other things in like proportion.

A TRAGEDY.
Well—they don't cost quite that over here but they aren't a cheap article by any means. He funniest expenditure—and yet the saddest, occurred last week when a little lady I know decided as a special extravagance, to buy a leg of lamb for her family. The leg came to \$1.50 just three pounds and looked to be quite sufficient and a little over. Not acquainted with the shrinking disposition of lamb—this young housekeeper stood open mouthed when she removed the roast from her oven. Lamb has a well known trait of growing most perceptibly smaller after being cooked; and this leg was no exception to the rule. When placed on the platter

THEN SAY—
Furs are all reduced in the city. And straw hats are on display in the windows. Reconcile the two if you say skirts are growing narrow again and women will have to and for it. Whether we have narrow skirts or wide ones, big hats or small ones, short sleeves or long ones,—it all matters nothing. For women dare disregard the styles. Don't you wish styles were something more than just somebody's whim—with every mother's daughter of us scrambling to do as the rest do? If we might originate our own styles each personality choosing what is most becoming styles would be interesting and almost intelligent! As it is, we invariably put the wrong clothes on the wrong person and the result is that most of us look like caricatures!
LET'S BUY ONE.
During this last ice I saw a great

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COULD YOU PLEASE GIVE ME THE CORRECT TIME?
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and brought to the table, the little housekeeper apologized for what looked to be an insufficient meal. However she wept a few tears later because no matter how hard one tried, something was always happening contrary to expectations. For \$1.50 a family of three had barely enough lamb for one meal.

I'M SURE I WOULD.
I saw a pretty yellow bird Saturday swinging on a brown branch with pink apple blossoms just in bud. The bird was very realistic—though merely a velvet one; with small pins stunk all the way down her small back. The ornamental pin cushion; for such it was, hung charmingly by a narrow ribbon. What do you think of that sort of a pin cushion? Wouldn't you feel just like saying "ouch" every time you stuck a pin in that pretty bird's back!

WHAT PEOPLE SAY
and Some Side Remarks
William B. Ice was much interested in the ratification of the dry amendment by the West Virginia legislature for he introduced House Joint Resolution No. 1 of the same tenor in the legislature of 1911. He tells about his good fortune in getting the floor:
"Fully a score of delegates arose. I was fortunate to be in the eye of the speaker of the house and was gratified when 'the gentleman from Marion' was recognized."
James M. Gans was the subject of congratulations Sunday for it was his eighty-first birthday. He took off his hat to emphasize his youth when congratulated on the streets and said:
"I was born in Middletown, which is Fairmont, in 1839. Count the years up for yourself."
L. N. Watson, night electrician for the Monongahela Valley Traction company, who was crushed between two cars a month or so ago, got out of the Fairmont hospital Sunday and was able to walk from the street car on Fairmont avenue to his home on Mt. Vernon avenue. He told friends:
"I was treated splendidly. For a day or so it looked like I might not get well and for several days longer it was feared I would be permanently crippled, but I pulled through."
MANNINGTON
Badly Burned.
Miss Genevieve Baker, the thirteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Baker, of Bluff street, was very painfully burned yesterday afternoon when her clothing took fire from an open grate at the home of her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Martin, in East Main street where she was spending the afternoon. The girl was too badly burned to be removed to her home, but it is believed the injuries will not prove fatal.
Had Pneumonia.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Loudenslager have received a letter from their son, W. P. (Bea) Loudenslager, a sergeant in the U. S. forces in France, the first word they have had from him for some time. He states in the letter which bears date of December 11th, that he was recovering in a hospital from pneumonia which he had contracted while on the Verdun line. He had made five trips to the front line trenches coming through without trouble each time. He asked his folks not to write any more letters as he expected to return to America before long.
From Alabama.
Byron Warder, of the Medical department, U. S. army, stationed at Camp Sheridan, Alabama, was here during the past week for a visit with his uncle, B. B. Warder and family in Pyles avenue.
"Treaties" Discussion.
At the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's club to be held in the M. E. church parlors tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock the subject will be "Treaties." The subject at this time is one of peculiar interest, inasmuch as the statesmen of the world are just now gathering at Paris in an effort to formulate a treaty that will put an end to all wars and guarantee the peace of the world. The program

follows: Treaty of Westphalia, Mrs. W. M. Hess; Utrecht, Mrs. W. D. Smith; Vienna, Mrs. E. P. Conway; Berlin, Mrs. B. E. Mitchell. The musical program is in charge of Mrs. W. J. McKinless.
From Camp Sheridan.
Harry Richardson is home on a furlough from Camp Sheridan, Alabama, for a visit at his home in Jostown.

Missionary Meeting.
The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society of the Presbyterian church will be held tomorrow at the home of Mrs. Charles E. Wemple, in Market street. The entire membership is urged to be present to give the new members a most hearty welcome to the society which is most worthy of their support.
Hotel Arrivals.
Bartlett—A. S. Frampton, Chicago; C. K. Elliott, Kansas City, Mo.; H. B. Wolfe, W. M. Roushars, Sistersville; H. M. Jenkins, J. C. Donald, C. C. Topkin, C. Skanfield, Charleston; A. V. Woodell, Weston; Harry A. Richardson, U. S. A.; C. E. Tolson, Baltimore; R. R. Howard, Cameron; H. J. Arnold, Wheeling; J. T. McCarty, Fredonia, N. Y.
Wells—Harry G. Shriver, Wadesboro; John Morgan, Glover Gap; H. B. Howard, Cameron; Chas. Hudson, Oak Simmons and wife, Columbus, O.; C. C. Osborne and wife, Annabell, Personal.

Mrs. John L. Rdy, of Cameron, was the guest of relatives here during the past week.
J. G. Davis was a business visitor in Wheeling on Saturday.
Frank H. Wagner was home from Cameron to spend the week and with his family on Burt Hill.
C. R. Devore has returned from a few days' visit in Wheeling.
Mrs. S. E. Phillips was a visitor in Wheeling on Saturday.
Mrs. T. V. Morgan is the guest of her cousin, Miss Lottie Snodgrass at Barrackville.
Charles Martin, of the Elliott Business College in Wheeling, was at his home in High street for the week end.
Prof. David A. Ward, of Farmington, was a business visitor in the city on Saturday.
Francis Stewart was a business visitor in Fairmont the past week.
Morris Lowe has returned to Clarkburg after a few days' business visit here.
George Oliver left on Friday evening for a visit of two weeks with relatives in Martinsburg.
W. D. Eschenbach has returned from a business visit in Pittsburgh.
Miss Emma Bartlett has returned from a several days' visit with Mrs. John Bremer in Wheeling.
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Osborne, of Annabell, were guests of friends in Mannington yesterday.
H. D. Atha has returned from a short business visit in Pittsburgh.

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